



The Sparkplug

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INTERNATIONAL REPS TWO CENTS!!!!

I don't know where you live, but I thought April was supposed to be the time that things warmed up and you can ride almost any day of the week, but this year, not so much. Will it ever warm up?

We changed our breakfast meeting to Sunday, April 16th. After our meeting, five of us decided to go for a short ride although it was not any too warm and it looked like maybe rain, but we decided to brave it anyway. We headed out to Grand Coulee Dam. It was a little chilly, but wonderful being out on the bike and on a ride with good friends.

Anyway, when we got to Grand Coulee it started to rain and that made it even colder. But then again, I though how great it was to be with friends and enjoying just riding even in the rain, crazy but so very true. I hope that all of you have had a chance to get out and ride this season, even in the rain. What a great feeling.

We had a discussion on the upcoming Spring Banquet. Things are all set and we are looking forward to a great get together. It should be a lot of fun. I told the group that I had about forty already registered and expecting about another ten to twelve. That'll make a fantastic turn out.

It's the time of year that we can do what we all enjoy, and that's ride, and share those rides with the friends that we have made in the UMCI. I know that we are not large in numbers, but we are very large when it comes to deep friendships that we've developed in our small group.

As is so very true in all our functions, the one thing that always stands out to me are the friendships that Kevi and I have been able to make in this club. It's hard for me to believe that I still have friends in the club I met as long as 20 years ago and those friendships are still just as strong as when we first met.

It's my hope that in this letter or note, or whatever you call it, you too will take a few minutes to reflect on the friendships that you have developed in the UMCI. I'm positive that it will bring back some great memories and put a smile on your face.

I hope to see you at the Spring Banquet or at one of the many functions that are planned for this year. Until then thank you for letting us call you a friend.

Ride Safe, Ride Lots, but most of all have a ton of fun and make a new friend!!!!

Kevin and Kevi

The Sparkplug Coming Events

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2023 Rides and Rally Schedule

- Apr 29-30, Spring Banquet - Othello Senior Center, Othello WA**
Kevin Besel, kbesel52@gmail.com - Registration attached
- Jun 2-5, North Cascades Campout - [Loup Loup Campground](#), Twisp WA**
Dennis Parsley, 360-672-1901 - No Resv, FCFS ([map](#)) ([G. Earth](#))
- Jun 11-16, Idaho Panhandle Tour 2023 - Includes Idaho State Rally**
Daniel Magee, 403 878-5859 - [Panhandle Tour Information](#)
- Jun 13-15, Idaho State Rally - Clearwater River KOA, Kamiah ID**
Larry Phelps, ljphelps1951@gmail.com - See Flyer for information
- Jun 20-23, Farragut State Park (Snowberry Campground), Athol ID**
David Fitzgerald, 206-300-5034 - [Resv](#) (Non-Idaho Residents = \$\$\$)
- Jun 26-29, Laird Park Campout - [Laird Park Campground](#), Harvard ID**
David Fitzgerald, 206-300-5034 ([map](#))
- Jul 17-20, International - Chelan County Fairgrounds, Cashmere WA**
Kevin Besel, kbesel52@gmail.com, See Registration - Complete ASAP
- Aug 8-10, Clyde Holiday Campout - [Clyde Holiday State Park](#), Mt Vernon OR**
Dick Hohstadt, 541-786-0230, [dhohstadt007@gmail.com](#)
- Aug 25-28, Lost Resort, Cabins & Campground ([map](#)) - Ozette WA**
David Fitzgerald, 206-300-5034 ([Info](#))
- Sep 1-4, Tygh Valley, Wasco County Fairgrounds ([map](#)) - Tygh Valley OR**
Ben Altman, 541-993-9015 - Reservations not required

Cover Photo

The Deschutes River flowing through the Deschutes Canyon.

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SPRING BANQUET

Othello Senior Center

755 N. 7th Ave
Othello, WA



We will be at the Senior Center in Othello, April 29th and 30th. All we need is for you to get out of the house and come and enjoy a festive event. We will try to hear from all Rep's and get there views of the coming riding season. We'll have door prizes, raffles and make it a fun evening.

Dinner will start at 6:30pm and served Buffet Style. Cost is \$25.00 per plate. There's a shortage of restaurants in Othello for breakfast, so we'll have breakfast before you leave.

Please Register ASAP

Name _____

Address _____

Registration Dinner \$25.00 x _____ = \$ _____

Breakfast \$10.00 x _____ = \$ _____

Total = \$ _____

Mail registration to:

Kevin Besel, 1045 East Oak St, Othello WA 99344-1651

... Othello Motels ...

[Othello Quality Inn](#), 1020 E. Cedar St. (509-488-5671)

[Othello Inn and Suites](#), 665 E. Windsor St. (509-331-5722)

2023 Idaho State Rally

Clearwater River KOA
June 13th - 15th
Kamiah, ID

Register for Rally Upon Arrival
Singles 15\$, Couples 25\$

Camping Reservations

Tent • RV • Motel

800-562-9038

2023 UMCI International Chelan County Fairgrounds

July 17th - 20th

Cashmere, WA

Wescott Dr. & Kimber Rd.

Please Register ASAP
(by June 1st is desirable)

Name _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State/Province _____ Zip/Postal Code _____

Travel distance to Cashmere, WA: _____ Miles/Kilometers

Registration and Banquet per person \$25.00 x _____ = \$ _____

RV Camping per night \$25.00 x _____ = \$ _____

Tent Camping per night \$17.00 x _____ = \$ _____

Total = \$ _____

Make Checks Payable To: George Penner

Mail Registration to:

Mr. & Mrs. George Penner

77 Brugh Road

Oroville, WA 98844-9400

May 2023 Wasconian News – Ben Altman

IT's SPRING, Well Kinda!!!

Spring started with a couple of clear blue days in the 60s, but with some wind as usual. Some Very Nice Spring Days. Through the end of March temps generally ran in the 50s but still had a few nights below 32, but much better than never above 32. Also, a pretty dry month, only 3 days with any rain. We had one day of rain early in the month and then it rained most of the 28th and early on the 29th, although the 29th was more of a drizzle than rain. The total precipitation for the month so far was only .58 inch of rain.

April started out with a couple of sunny but windy days, but then a couple of drizzly days, getting into the low 50s, but no below freezing nights. That's an improvement!

Easter Sunday I was able to sit on the deck for the first time this year! It was a pleasant 62° with a very slight breeze, Excellent! Rain was forecast but didn't happen, well at least not until late afternoon, it drizzled then rained (.02"), which was fine with me, I was done and enjoyed sittin outside. However, it did rain pretty good on Monday (.35"). The wheat fields loved that!

Daylight time is doin its thing. By the end of April sunrise will be before 6:00 AM and sunset after 8:00 PM, which makes me smile! Just lookin for a bit more heat.

HELP STILL WANTED

Oregon Needs a State Rep and a Treasurer

Gary and Wanda Shearer have served us the last couple of years supporting the Club as State Rep. and Treasurer. But understandably they have stepped down.

So far no one has stepped up to take over. Gary is holding the available funds in the bank account for now.

I have volunteered to keep the Sparkplug distribution going, so that is covered. But currently we are without a leader of the pack.

Is anyone willing to step up?

Activity Report

Friday March 24: Special visit from David and Sue Fitzgerald (Editor Extraordinaire & navigator). They bought Mary's Aspen tent trailer and came down to pick it up. It was a short visit, but a pleasure just the same!

At David's request I kept this visit quiet, no media, parade, etc., kinda like Pres. Biden's sneak visit to Ukraine. But, as with Biden's visit post event reporting is expected.

Friday March 31: I went to the Portland Car Collector's Swap Meet with Phil Spor. This was my first return after about 10 years. Sadly, I would say there were only about 2/3 of the normal number of venders. The number and quality of cars for sale was really down from past years. It looked more like a very large garage sale.

Historically the Portland Swap meet has been one of the largest swap meets west of the Mississippi. Course I don't know how other events are doing post-covid.

Anyway, we declared it a successful day because it didn't rain, and we both bought something.

Sunday April 2: Mid-Columbia group - Klickitat John, D&B Miles, CZ and I met for breakfast at Bob's Texas Steak House in Rufus. We had a very special surprise this morning. When the waitress brought our food she told us that the folks a couple tables down had paid for our table, WOW! We don't even know who they were!

Mary Nordby did not attend as she returned to Bouse, AZ. She needed to get her, new to her trailer, and also Steve Close to head back north for the summer.

However, today Mary Nordby and Steve Close left Bouse heading to Mt. Pleasant, Utah where Steve will get some things done on his Sheep Camp Trailer. He might be getting some sheep, not sure?

Sunday April 16: Mary returned home from down south today. Steve Close is taking his time due north in May. Unfortunately, she has a list of things she wants done for her trailer. Not sure why she is telling me though?

Governor's Advisory Committee on Motorcycle Safety (GAC)

Nine motorcycle fatalities have been reported so far this year. That is not a good start considering the bad weather to date. Rider impairment and speed continue to be the two major factors in rider fatalities.

Be careful out there!

Looking forward to the Spring Banquet, April 29th!

Lane-Splitting Legislation Moving Forward

The Oregon Senate passed (SB422) on March 21st and the House, given some new legislators and a new Governor. The bill only allows lane-splitting in stop & go traffic (speeds under 15 mph) and under other limited conditions and only on certain highways. *On March 17, the Judiciary committee officially recommended that this bill be passed with a single amendment. It now goes to the House floor for a vote, which has not, yet, been scheduled.*

A similar Bill was passed two years ago by the legislature but vetoed by Governor Brown.

South Region

What have WE done to make Mother Nature so MAD ? I'm referring to the WEATHER. Spring sprung 3 weeks ago, but you would never know it. Tomorrow night we have a FREEZE WARNING.

I talked to Don Evernden about the weather, he told me not to worry about it, NOTHING WE CAN DO ABOUT IT. 😊

Went to Grants Pass meeting on April 1 (NO JOKE). We had 16 people there, and Rick Foley the leader wasn't one. He was in a pool tournament in Lincoln City.

We were left unsupervised. We made it out unscathed. It was a miracle I tell you. All is well with the group, They gather a couple of times each week for coffee and or breakfast. Rick has a 3 or 4 day ride planned in June, for his group. They ask and I tried to remember the Rally's and Rides different Chapters are putting on in the coming months.

Last Saturday the Roseburg group met at Abby's in Sutherlin, eleven member were present, two were on trikes, Nick Bardiville and myself. We complained about the weather, taxes and the cost of everything. Three of the members have Harley trikes, Joe Reed, Gregg Weber and Dwayne Varner.

We had the 50/50 drawing. Archie Billings won \$10. He said it was the first time in over a year. Gary Baker won \$10 and so did Sam Roth. Everyone seemed to have a good time.

I mentioned Don Evernden, he and Teri, his daughter took off south for 5+ weeks in his motorhome with his trike in the trailer. His don Tim and Patti traveled with them in their motorhome. Don taught Terri how to drive the motorhome and she did great.

Well that's all I can remember for Now. Oh yeah, I need to change the oil in my trike. 😊

GOD BLESS and HAVE FUN

Zack Hoffman

Think
WARM
Weather

May Birthdays



3 - Sue Jenkins

3 - Phyllis Rees

4 - Robert Walton

10 - Nate Levin

13 - Kim McMillin

16 - Larry Taylor

22 - David McMillin

22 - Ed Smith



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For Sale

1995 Honda Goldwing GL 1500 Interstate • 54,000 miles
New Windshield • Tune Up • Brakes • Ready to go • \$4800

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1995 Kwik Kamp with Queen Bed • \$2500



Contact Lucy Johnson at: 509-269-4648
Eastern Washington

Chapter Breakfast Meetings - Come Early!

<p>1st Saturday Metro South (Oregon City) 8:00 AM <u>Shari's Restaurant</u> 19001 Beaver Creek Rd, Oregon City Dick Czmowski, 971-338-3196 dickczmo@aol.com</p>	<p>3rd Thursday North Coast Lunch 11:30 AM <u>Logger Restaurant</u> 42929 Old US Hwy 30, Knappa OR Jim Roehr, 503-458-5852</p>
<p>1st Saturday Grants Pass/Medford 8:30 AM <u>Shenanigans Lounge at Herb's Restaurant</u> 515 Rogue River Highway, Grants Pass OR Rick Foley cell: 541-916-2506 rick1foley@gmail.com</p>	<p>3rd Saturday Tangent 8:00 AM <u>Dixie Creek Saloon (In heart of town)</u> 32994 Hwy 99E, Tangent OR Floyd McMillin, 541-990-5304 ellentonimcmillin@gmail.com</p>
<p>4th Saturday North Coast Breakfast 9:00 AM <u>Buoy 9 Restaurant</u>, 996 Pacific Dr. Hammond OR Jim Roehr, 503-458-5852</p>	<p>3rd Saturday Hermiston 8:00 AM <u>Denny's Restaurant</u> 2265 Hwy 395 S, Hermiston Ed Baker, 791-338-3196 PO Box 141, Heppner OR</p>
<p>1st Sunday Mid Columbia 8:00 AM <u>Lyle Cafe</u>, 605 State St, Lyle Washington John & Hazel Dougherty, 541-399-6172 Goldendale WA</p>	<p>4th Saturday Vancouver 7:00 AM <u>Paul's Restaurant (No Host)</u> 1800 Broadway Street Vancouver WA</p>
<p>2nd Saturday, Metro South (Milwaukie) 8:30 AM <u>Elmer's Restaurant</u> 16087 SE 82nd Dr, Clackamas OR Dick Czmowski, 971-338-3196 dickczmo@aol.com</p>	<p>4th Sunday Coos Bay 9:00 AM <u>Kozy Kitchen</u> Chris & Eva Williams, 541-404-5286 721 7th St. Myrtle Point OR cwilliams88ci@yahoo.com</p>
<p>2nd Saturday, Breakfast, 10 AM, Meeting at 10:30 AM <u>Abby's Pizza</u>, 1011 W Central Ave, Sutherlin OR Zack Hoffman, 541-430-3568 zhoffman3478@msn.com</p>	<p>Burns - Call Jim 9:00 AM Jim & Zelly Campbell, 541-573-7607 32401 Airport Lane, Burns OR</p>
<p>3rd Tuesday Portland Widow's Chapter 12:30 AM <u>Applebee's</u> 10172 SE 82nd St, Portland OR Lyn McCabe 503-351-7009 lcbrenna3068@gmail.com</p>	

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New Membership Registration Form

Rider:

Print Name

Signature

Navigator:

Print Name

_____ + _____

Signature

By signing for membership, I agree to abide by the By-Laws of UMCI.

Address: _____ + _____

_____ State ___ Zip _____

Important for Newsletter & General Communications

Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Email: _____

Accepted By: _____ -- __, State Rep. Date _____

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